

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations  
and is not a part of the Official Record

## **BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,  
please do not report the images to the  
Image Problem Mailbox.**



IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Serial No.: 10/664,385 )  
Filed: September 17, 2003 )  
For: RESPIRATORY )  
HUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM )  
Applicant: GRADON et al. )  
Examiner: Not yet assigned )  
Art Unit: Not yet assigned )  
Attorney Ref: 1171/41403/56E-DIV )

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 4, 2003.

*Kiffany E. Sexton*  
Kiffany E. Sexton

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being within three months of the filing date and before the receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the presentation of this information shall not be construed as a representation that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 exists, or as an admission that the information cited in this statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.



Sheet 1 of 3

Form PTO-1449  
(Rev. 2-83)**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
BY APPLICANT**

(Use several sheets if necessary)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.  
1171/41403/56E

SERIAL NO. 10/664,385

APPLICANT: Gradon et al.

FILING DATE:  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

GROUP Not Yet Assigned

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4 5 4 6 9 1 6	10/15/85	Tsuaki			
	4 1 5 5 3 5 7	05/22/79	Dahl			
	4 9 0 6 4 1 7	03/06/90	Gentry			
	5 9 0 1 9 0 5	05/11/99	Jung			
	5 9 8 4 0 0 2	11/16/99	Kido et al.			
	5 9 8 8 1 6 4	11/23/99	Paluch			
	6 1 0 2 0 3 7	08/15/00	Koch			
	6 1 3 8 6 7 4	10/31/00	Gull et al.			
	5 7 6 9 0 7 1	06/23/98	Tumbull			
	4 6 8 1 0 9 9	07/21/87	Sato et al.			
	5 3 5 1 8 5 5	10/04/94	Nelson et al.			
	5 3 9 4 7 3 4	03/07/95	Wenger			
	5 4 6 8 9 6 1	11/21/95	Gradon et al.			
	6 0 1 4 8 9 0	01/18/00	Breen			
	6 0 3 9 6 9 6	03/21/00	Bell			
	4 8 0 1 2 1 1	01/31/89	Yagi et al.			
	3 5 8 4 7 9 2	06/15/71	Johnson			
	3 7 4 3 1 8 1	07/03/73	Bentley			
	3 8 7 3 8 0 6	03/25/75	Schossow			
	3 9 1 8 6 4 0	11/11/75	Piccino et al.			
	4 1 1 0 4 1 9	08/29/78	Miller			
	4 7 2 7 8 7 1	03/01/88	Smargiassi et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	2 2 9 7 9 1 4	08/21/96	Great Britain				
	2 0 8 2 9 2 1	03/17/82	Great Britain				
	1 2 9 4 8 0 8	11/01/72	Great Britain				
wo	9 8 0 7 0 0 7	02/19/98	International				

Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark

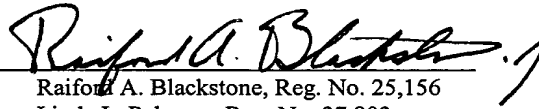
Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to the deposit account of the undersigned

firm, Account No. 20-1495.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Nov. 4, 2003

By:



Raiford A. Blackstone, Reg. No. 25,156

Linda L. Palomar, Reg. No. 37,903

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI,

**BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.**

105 W. Adams Street, 36th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60603

(312) 704-1890



